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IMPROVE I-70 MONTHLY REPORT

Missouri's FY2024 budget approved through the state legislative process and signed into law by the governor provides \$2.8 billion in General Revenue to build a third lane of I-70 across the state from Blue Springs to Wentzville.



COLUMBIA TO KINGDOM CITY PROJECT UPDATES

I-70 PAVING PROGRESS

Improve I-70: Columbia to Kingdom City continues to make significant progress on I-70 paving between Callaway County Routes J and M. Crews have completed pouring the concrete of what will be the inside shoulder and the new lane of westbound I-70 in this section of the project. Crews are now pouring the concrete of what will be the inside shoulder and new lane of eastbound I-70 in this same section. Starting in early May, eastbound I-70 traffic in this area will be shifted onto new pavement. This shift will allow crews to remove and rebuild the existing eastbound pavement. Travelers in this area encouraged to slow down and pay attention to the changing conditions.



Paving of the third lane of I-70 continues between Callaway County Routes J and M.

FAQ

WHY DOES THE NEW I-70 PAVEMENT LOOK HIGHER THAN THE ORIGINAL?

Overall, the new lanes of I-70 in the Columbia to Kingdom City section will be higher than the existing lanes, and the new shoulder will be steeper than the existing shoulder in several places. This serves two purposes. The first is to minimize the amount of grading necessary to tie into the existing inslope (a slope that is tilted towards the road). The second is that a steeper shoulder helps with drainage by allowing water to leave the pavement more quickly.



New pavement on I-70 between Callaway County Routes J and M compared to existing lanes.

U.S. ROUTE 63 BRIDGE UPDATE

Improve I-70: Columbia to Kingdom City includes improvements beyond adding a third lane to I-70. It also provides significant improvements to bridges in the area including **12 bridge replacements, six new bridges, five bridge rehabilitations, two bridge widenings, and two bridge removals**. The project team has also opened the new southbound U.S. Route 63 bridge at Conley Rd. Currently, north and southbound Route 63 traffic are utilizing this bridge while the northbound side is constructed. Once complete, these bridges will create an underpass allowing traffic from Conley Road to move north directly into the I-70/Route 63 interchange. This design also allows for better local connectivity on each side of Route 63.



New southbound Route 63 bridge at Conley Rd. is now open.

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COLUMBIA TO KINGDOM CITY PROJECT UPDATES CONTINUED



BRIDGE DEMOLITION WEEKEND

In mid-April, crews demolished the westbound I-70 bridge to Business Loop 70 in Columbia. This bridge was permanently closed to traffic nearly six months ago to allow for construction staging in the area. The demolition required the closure of one lane of eastbound I-70 in the area for one weekend and crews were able to successfully remove the bridge ahead of schedule.

WATCH: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00xxXiYz76A>



Crews removed the permanently closed exit ramp from westbound I-70 to Business Loop in Columbia.



The removal of this bridge is part of the improvements being made to the I-70 and Route 63 interchange. To see renderings, [click here](#) or scan the QR code. Stay up to date on construction progress and traffic impacts at www.modot.org/improvei70/columbiakingdomcity.

WARRENTON TO WENTZVILLE PROJECT CONSTRUCTION

Construction of [Improve I-70: Warrenton to Wentzville](#) has commenced beginning with efforts to add a third lane to I-64 between I-70 and Route K. Crews have installed temporary barrier wall to help protect the traveling public and crews while this work takes place. Even with intense rain events over the last few weeks, construction in this area is still on schedule. Paving efforts are expected to begin by next month. Scan the QR code for design renderings.



Barrier wall has been installed along I-64.

Stay up to date on construction progress and traffic impacts by signing up for project e-mails at www.modot.org/improvei70/warrentonwentzville.

IMPROVE I-70: BLUE SPRINGS TO ODESSA PROJECT AWARD SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7

The Best-Value proposer for the \$350 million Design-Build project, [Improve I-70: Blue Springs to Odessa](#), will be selected at the May Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission meeting.

This meeting will be on Wednesday, May 7, at the Missouri Department of Transportation headquarters or via live stream by visiting www.modot.org/mhtc/live.

UPCOMING INDUSTRY MEETING: ROCHEPORT TO COLUMBIA PROJECT

10 a.m. Thursday, May 1, 2025
Riechmann Indoor Pavilion
2300 E. Walnut Street Columbia, MO

Industry partners interested in learning more about the upcoming Design-Build project, [Improve I-70: Rocheport to Columbia](#), are invited to attend MoDOT's next Industry Meeting. MoDOT intends to award this project in late 2025 and start construction the following spring. Completion of this segment is currently anticipated by late 2029.